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SW ArtsFest returns for its fourth year to celebrate its growing art community. Showcasing the programming of (e)merge art fair, Arena Stage, Art Whino, and the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, the SW ArtsFest will offer a weekend of art-centered activities that will encourage the DC area community to check out the booming Southwest quadrant and its various art producers. Additional producers will be announced in the coming weeks. A special publication will be released with in-depth information on all the producers and a schedule of events that allows patrons to plan an art-filled weekend.

(e)merge art fair : Capitol Skyline Hotel
Featuring 85 exhibitors and over 150 international artists
Fair open Thursday - Sunday, October 2 - 5

The (e)merge art fair connects emerging art professionals from around the globe with collectors, curators, and cultural decision makers in Washington, DC. The GALLERY PLATFORM features participating galleries in hotel rooms and other spaces on designated floors. The ARTIST PLATFORM features a vetted selection of works by independent artists throughout the hotel's public areas and grounds. (e)merge's two exhibition platforms inspire a new echelon of art collectors and provide curatorial access to the latest movements in emerging art. The (e)merge educational platform will include lectures, panel discussions, and tours given by innovative authorities in contemporary art, including collectors, curators, critics, and artists.

Arena Stage: The Shoplifters • Showtimes Thursday - Sunday

Meet Alma — a career shoplifter who prefers the “five-finger discount” over some lousy senior citizen deal. When her life of petty crime is halted by an overzealous rookie security guard and



his ambivalent mentor, she risks losing her freedom, her resolve, and maybe even the steak she has stuffed in her pants. Tony-nominee Jayne Houdyshell (Broadway's *Romeo and Juliet*, *Follies*) leads an expertly drawn cast of oddball characters in this biting, world-premiere comedy about society's haves and have-nots and how much they might actually have in common.

Arena Stage: National Hand Dance Association

Join the National Hand Dance Association from noon to 5 PM for Hand Dance demonstrations, lessons in basic hand dance, and audience dancing. Free and open to the public.

Art Whino: G40 Art Summit • Exhibit Open Thursday - Sunday

An Art Whino Production hosted at Blind Whino comes back for its fifth annual G40 Art Summit! Join artists as they showcase stunning three dimensional and installation art as this year's G40 theme. Following the mission of G40s past, we will once again bring exposure to low brow's many faces and, as always, present what new facets emerge within this ever-growing movement.

Blind Whino: Outdoor Arts Festival • Saturday 11am - 4pm

Explore unique and amazing goods made by local artisans and painters in a casual atmosphere. Find new favorites and reconnect with your favorite artists. A sampling of the community's treasures such as Westminster Jazz, and much more.

Lance Fung's "Nonuments" as part of DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities 5x5 Project
Exhibit Open Thursday - Sunday

Washington DC, our nation's capital, is renowned for its

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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: Consolidated Forensic Laboratory

By: Christy Aldridge

Ever since I first saw it, I was dying to go inside and explore; the Consolidated Forensic Laboratory (CFL), located at the corner of 4th and E streets just three short blocks away from my home in Southwest. Not only does the building look magnificent with its glass construction, but I have always been fascinated by forensic science and its vital use to solve crimes. I was so excited when the personnel here happily invited *The Southwester* in for a behind-the-scenes tour.

After passing through a metal detector and a quick ID check, I was greeted by Keith St. Clair, the public information officer for the Department of Forensic Services. After I explained a little bit more about the paper, Keith gave me a quick background about himself. He noted that he has 25 years of journalism experience, the most recent of which as the editor of the *Washington Examiner* - I was in over my head, to say the least. He escorted me through additional levels of security and straight to the office of the director himself, Dr. Max Houck.

As the three of us sat together, Dr. Houck told me more about the lab. The Department of Forensics Services falls under the



Dr. Max Houck, CFL Director, with Christy Aldridge

Department of Public Safety and Justice and is completely independent of the Metropolitan Police Department. The DC government finalized the plan for this lab in 2006 during Mayor Anthony Williams' administration.

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From The Fort: An Interview with LTG Mike Flynn

By: Shannon Vaughn, Editor-in-Chief

On August 18th, Lieutenant General (LTG) Michael Flynn sat down with me at his home on Ft. McNair to discuss life on post, the Southwest neighborhood, his storied military career, and plans for the future. In our talk, LTG Flynn spoke extensively on how change is never easy yet sometimes required, and how that is applicable to more than just the military.

After 33 years of service to our nation, the highest ranking intelligence officer in the United States military, LTG Michael Flynn, has retired. Since taking over as the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in 2012, LTG Flynn has put his stamp on the 50-year-old agency previously seen as lagging behind in the intelligence community. LTG Flynn's tenure as director was filled with consternation—a needed correction after years of a top-heavy, uninspired organization.

“I'm surprised I got this far, to be honest,” says the steely-eyed, amenable leader. To LTG Flynn and his wife Lori, the military has been their entire life for over three decades, but the structured job does not fit his personality. LTG Flynn is iconoclast, to say the least. He does not accept the status quo when he knows there is a better way.

“Intel's job is to tell truth to power. It is certainly not meant to be a popularity contest.”



LTG Mike Flynn

In his six assignments as a flag officer (rank of brigadier general or higher) over the past 10 years, 4 ½ of those have been deployed in either Iraq or Afghanistan. Whether it was serving as the intelligence advisor to General Stanley McChrystal, as the director of intelligence at the Pentagon, or as the director of DIA, LTG Flynn never forgot where he came from. The son of a retired Army Sergeant First Class in Newport,

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SWNA Welcomes New Vice President

SWNA is pleased to announce the addition of Bruce A. Levine as the new Vice President.

Mr. Levine is Director of the Education Policy Program and the Educational Improvement and Transformation Program at the School of Education, Drexel University, as well as Assistant Clinical Professor of Education. He has been associated with Drexel since 2005. He also provides consulting services to education, workforce, and economic development organizations.

Prior to joining Drexel, Mr. Levine had a

career of almost 25 years in the fields of law, management consulting, start-up management, and economic and workforce development. He has been associated with some of the leading firms and organizations in their respective fields: Skadden Arps in law; Deloitte and Booz Allen in management consulting; Fantus in economic development consulting and site selection. Throughout his consulting career and tenure as c-level executive in two start-ups, Mr. Levine's focus has been on strategic planning and strategy

implementation.

Mr. Levine is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Workforce Solutions Group, a not-for-profit social enterprise in the area of workforce development .

Mr. Levine received a BA in American Studies *magna cum laude* from Hamilton College, a Masters of Government Administration from the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Center of Government, and a JD from New York University School of Law.

FLYNN

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RI, Flynn grew up in a small household with nine siblings, two parents, and one bathroom.

"We weren't allowed to be hanging around the house. We had jobs. We took pride in ourselves and our community." He still drives his second-hand 1986 Buick Park Avenue, complete with velour interior, with pride.

In his daily runs through the neighborhood to and from work on Bolling Air Force Base, LTG Flynn readily noted the blight of citizens in parts of Southwest.

"Parts of Southwest remind me of Park Holme in Newport, RI. Our neighborhood here could learn a lot from the story of Park Holme." In Park Holme, a young city leader by the name of Paul Gaines came to the neighborhood, not with a focus on a small subsection of the community, but instead on the community as a whole. Mr. Gaines engaged with local businesses (similar to DC's BIDs), philanthropists, and neighborhood leaders to attack the blight first.

"Once people start to take pride in their surroundings, they don't want to give it back," the general says. "With all the development that is happening right here, why would you look anywhere else to hire people? People here could walk to work! Why not invest both in the infrastructure and the people? It's a win-win."

But to make that happen, he notes it will have to be a community-wide effort. Leaders from every block need to step forward and meet regularly. It cannot continue to be a small group of well-meaning individuals; it must be a team effort to move all of us forward.

"Why not lobby to have the federal government fund a plan to turn the former Coast Guard headquarters into apartments and then move people in there while we rehab our local public housing?" While this is just one example of the out-of-the box thinking the good general is known for, it is similar to Councilmember Tommy Wells' plan of *Build First* mixed with the Broken Windows Theory.

When asked what is the one thing people should know about the third oldest active Army post, LTG Flynn says, "This beautiful post of Ft. McNair is yours. Anyone is allowed on with their driver's license. Come walk around. We have the most amazing running route in DC right along the water. It's a college campus, to be honest; we have three of the finest military universities in the world right here in the National Defense University, the Inter-American Defense College, and the National War College. Take pride in what you have right here," both on post and off.

SWNA Fact Sheet

ONGOING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	OUR RESPONSE
Lansburgh Park: vacant, abandoned, crime-ridden, inoperable facilities	SWNA organized a community visioning charrette, lobbied DC to build tennis courts, and sponsored groups who've worked with us to fund, build and operate a community garden and dog park . We also organize and support events such as movie nights, tree planting, seasonal cleanups , and SW Unity Forum's Summer in Lansburgh .
Emerging community groups with similar community development goals but are not incorporated as 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations	SWNA provides administrative, financial, and marketing support to the Amidon-Bowen PTA, Neighbors of the Southwest Duck Pond, SW PAWS Dog Park, SW Community Garden and other groups. Serves as fiscal sponsor to enable these organizations to solicit tax-deductible donations.
DC United Soccer Stadium in Buzzard Point	SWNA formed a coalition that organized community forums, testified before the DC Council, submitted articles and other policy pieces to ensure that the development is beneficial to the community .
A significant amount of residents with limited access to education, and other enrichment activities	SWNA provides college scholarships, computer training for youths and adults , and funding and volunteer support to dozens of youth programs including sports teams, Girls on the Rise and Girl Scouts . Also works with DC to ensure recreational facilities are fully staffed accessible, and in full working order.
DC's Small Area Plan for SW that proposes hundreds of changes throughout Southwest	SWNA advocates for smart development that provides incentives for retail businesses and amenities while maintaining the neighborhood character that is critical to the quality of life in SW. We organized sign-on letter campaigns that for the first time expressed a unified community voice . We followed up with a template whereby the ANC and other community groups requested a delay of the plan pending resolution of a number of concerns .
Development proposals that raise functionality and compatibility concerns among residents	SWNA holds community forums, researches sites and development proposals, educates residential leadership and developers about opportunities and constraints in an effort to optimize opportunities for community input .
Celebrate the unique and compelling history of our community and reinforce our progressive and inclusive identity	SWNA researches and identifies ways to promote our community heritage , whether through public forums, commemorative events such as Titanic 100, publications, oral history projects, interpretive panels, Public Information Display Systems , or adding significant sites to the National Register of Historic Places .

Our Mission: "To improve the quality of life for all residents; to open to every resident the wide cultural horizon of urban living; to help create rich and equal social, educational, and economic opportunities for residents of Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for all; and to promote development of the economic and aesthetic potential of Southwest; and preserve its diverse history. This mission shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic, and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past."

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Scholarship Recipient Shines

By: David Plummer

Kenneth Tinsley is a shining example of a Southwest student who continues to achieve career goals after having received support from the SWNA Scholarship Fund. A graduate of Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, Jefferson Middle School, Sasha Bruce Youth Work, Inc., and Wilson Senior High School, Kenneth graduated *cum laude* with a BA in Business from Central State University (CSU) in Wilberforce, Oh. in 2013.



Kenneth Tinsley with his mother.

While at CSU, Kenneth served as the girls basketball team manager and enjoyed building team spirit as CSU's mascot (2009-13). After returning to DC to work at Eastern Senior High School as a substitute teacher, wide receiver coach, and later as assistant offensive coordinator, he accepted a position as a wide receiver coach at Bates College in Lewiston, Me. for the

upcoming school year. Bates College is a private liberal arts college founded in 1855 by abolitionists. Kenneth credits his three-year SWNA scholarship with providing much-needed financial assistance towards books and related school expenses. He is also grateful for the support given to him by his mother, Diane, and hopes to serve as a role model to his younger brother Yurlee and sister Khiana (Eastern '98). Kenneth is the first in his family to graduate from college.

Kenneth's mother added, "We appreciate the support, and consider the SWNA Scholarship Fund to be a true blessing. The flexibility of the scholarship allowed us to stretch the funds throughout the school year as needed."

Kenneth has ties to Southwest through his church as well. A member of Riverside Baptist since 1995, he has served as a community outreach coordinator for the church since 2013.

The SWNA Scholarship Program, which is now under the SWNA Education Task Force, is currently in its 40th year. Since its existence, the community-supported fund has helped more than 275 neighborhood youth achieve their educational goals by providing grants for college. These grants of financial support help students to manage the cost of tuition, purchase expensive textbooks, and purchase small necessities.

Students who live in the Near Southwest (zip code 20024) and Capitol Riverfront (20003) communities and have been accepted to an accredited college or post-secondary institution are eligible to be considered for a grant. A personal interview, scholastic achievement, financial need, and community service are considered

when making the awards. A tax-deductible contribution for the upcoming school year will help students meet the extra costs of fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for college matriculation.

■ David Plummer is a volunteer with the SWNA Education Task Force

LABORATORY

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Before this, DC was sending much of its criminal evidence to the FBI for testing, where it took very little priority. Director Houck explained that not only do the scientists at this lab process criminal evidence - including fingerprints, firearms, and DNA - but they also perform testing related to bioterrorism and infectious diseases (the only lab with the ability to do so between Richmond and Baltimore). Fun fact: they even tested President Obama's 2012 inaugural ball meal for potential threats. The lab houses the ability to do each of these things, all while maintaining a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum rating.

After our chat, Dr. Houck graciously offered to personally escort me through the facility. As we walked through the industrial-style halls, we passed by different laboratories with various labels. One stuck out to me in particular.

"Newborn Testing?" I said. "Don't tell me you guys bring infants here for testing!" Direc-

tor Houck explained that was not exactly right. This specific lab is used for testing blood samples from each baby born in the District (about 14,000 a year) for certain diseases as a matter of public health. As we continued down the hallways, I noticed other labs including fingerprint analysis, DNA testing, and the digital evidence unit. Dr. Houck explained that that is a brand new unit, which currently only analyzes mobile phones. The CFL hopes to advance this type of testing in the future.

Other aspects of the CFL, which I was not able to see, include a firing range, complete with a bullet recovery water tank used to obtain unharmed bullets for examination; a bank vault, used to store certain items that pass through the lab and accessed only via retinal scan; and a garage, which can house up to 12 vehicles at a time for further investigation.

Many people believe that this building is nothing but a giant morgue. I hope that after reading this article, the Southwest community understands that this laboratory is here to protect the safety of citizens in the District and the surrounding areas.

Mandarin Oriental Plans Fourth Annual Fundraiser

Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC will take to the streets for the fourth consecutive year to sponsor its FANTastic March, a 5K fundraiser event, on Sept. 7. The funds raised by Mandarin Oriental colleagues will be used to purchase "newborn kits" for Unity Health Care, Inc., and families in need in Southwest DC.

"Supporting our community and our neighbors of Southwest remains a very important initiative for Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC," said General Manager Adriaan Radder. "Our FANTastic March has not only provided much-needed funds for three previous organizations in Southwest DC, but the event itself has also been recognized by the Hotel Association of DC for its creativity and results. We look forward to another great event to benefit Unity Health Care Incorporated."

The FANTastic March IV will begin at 9 a.m. on Sept. 7 at the Mandarin Oriental and wind around the National Mall before returning to the hotel for a celebratory BBQ

at approximately 11 a.m. The fee to participate in the walk is \$45 per person and includes a continental breakfast, a morning pre-walk stretching, an event t-shirt, and admission to the celebratory BBQ. For more information, please visit: <http://www.razoo.com/story/Fantastic-March-Iv>.

"Unity has been providing health care and social service programs for those in need all over DC for almost 30 years. We have been committed to serving our Southwest community since we took over the management of the Southwest Health Center in 2001. Providing quality and compassionate health care is who we are," said Vincent A. Keane, President and CEO of Unity Health Care, Inc. "We are so very grateful to everyone at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel for their commitment to joining us in serving those who are medically vulnerable. On behalf of our new moms - we thank you for your donation of 'well-baby' kits, which will provide them with the necessities they need to promote healthier communities one new little one at a time."

Biblical scholar to offer two presentations at St. Dominic Church

Tuesday September 9: As Christ Loved the Church: Biblical Perspectives on Marriage An examination of Biblical texts on marriage and a review of the theology of marriage as given in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The final portion of the presentation will offer practical insights to help couples in their married life.

Tuesday September 16: Be My Witnesses: The Discovery of the World's Earliest Bibles and What they Teach Us A presentation on the origins of the Bible and why we can be confident that it was accurately transmitted. The presentation includes an introduction to the earliest extant biblical papyri and their Egyptian provenance as well as more general teaching about how and when the Gospels and Epistles came to be written and how they were copied and transmitted in the early Church.



Fr. Stephen D. Ryan, O.P., is an Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception (Dominican House of Studies) in Washington, DC.

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mass: Saturday 5:15 PM (Vigil of Sunday); Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:45 AM and 5:15 PM

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM and 12:10 PM; Saturday 12:10 PM

Holyday Mass: 5:15 PM (Vigil); 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:15 PM

Federal Holidays: 8:00 AM Mass Only

Eucharist Adoration and Holy Hour: Thursdays, 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday 11:55 AM - 12:10 PM; Saturday 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Special Upcoming Events

Organ Concert

SW Arts Festival organ concert on the historic Roosevelt pipe organ. Sunday October 5 at 2:00 in the church. 30 minutes of classical organ repertoire. Tour of the church and light refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

Save the Date!

Annual Heritage Day celebration on Sunday October 12. Mass at 10:45 a.m. with a reception following. All past and current parishioners and St. Dominic School alumni are invited. RSVP to 202-554-7863 or receptionist@stdominicchurch.org.

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Cecily Bumbray: A Rising Star

By: Thelma D. Jones

Every neighborhood boasts of a rising star and Southwest is no exception. Cecily Bumbray, 24, is a young vocalist and songwriter making her mark on the music world with an eclectic blend.

Bumbray started regular voice lessons at age 12 at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore and from ages 13 to 18, she studied classical voice there as well. Further studies followed at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania from which she graduated in 2012. Bumbray wants to seamlessly fuse her genre, which is described as acoustic pop soul.

"It's acoustic because I like to work with real musicians and real instrumentation, it's pop because it has crossover appeal, and it's soul because it gives you that warm, soulful feeling, like back in the day," Bumbray says, describing her unique style.

Influenced by powerful vocalists and songwriters including Whitney Houston, Lauryn Hill, and Adele, Bumbray's voice looms high, often creating a hushed silence from the audience followed by a round of steady applause. Her talents were heard live recently when she wowed thousands of Nats fans, and a few Phillies fans as well, by singing the National Anthem on July 31 during Southwest Neighborhood Night at Nationals Park.

With over a decade of study and performance, this young seasoned soprano has developed a secure foundation and now performs with confidence and ease.

One blogger at a recent performance said, "Cecily's vocal range and stage presence were breathtaking and certainly left the audi-



ence wanting more."

Grammy award-winning R&B, jazz, and pop singer Patti Austin notes that Bumbray is "a brilliant, beautiful, and talented young lady, look out!" Like Austin, Bumbray has already been recognized for her unique vocal ability and is proving to be a young vocalist of unlimited depth and dimension. It was her accomplishments, the blessings of her parents, and a growing fan base that inspired Bumbray to contemplate and pursue a career on stage.

After receiving her degree in Political Science and Black Studies, Cecily launched her professional career in 2012 with the

release of her first single "Too Much," which is available on iTunes, Amazon, and CDBaby. The song is a classically soulful piece about grappling with love and loss in front of an audience.

Bumbray is scheduled to release her first project, self-titled "Cecily," in September, working with Grammy award-winning producer and arranger Benjamin Wright, famed songwriter and singer Vaneese Thomas, and DC rap legend Tabi Bonney. In popular demand, she is also performing regularly throughout the DC metropolitan area, Chicago, New York City, and other cities along the East coast to packed houses. What do her parents think of her interest in pursuing a singing career after acquiring degrees in a totally different area?

"We're fine with her decision and we simply want her to be happy," states George Bumbray, the singer's father, with an acquiescing nod and smile from Sherry Bellamy, her mother and business manager who also happens to be a Swarthmore graduate.

Gone are the days when major label record executives held power as to whether an artist succeeded. It's now the fans that dictate an artist's success. Southwest residents and their network can join Bumbray's fan base and be a part of "A star is Born." Visit her website at cecilymusic.com and consider purchasing a ticket (or two) when she headlines SWNA's benefit concert (date to be announced).

■ Thelma D. Jones serves on the board of directors of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and is involved in civic fundraisers.

The SW Library: A Community Center for Southwest's Future

By: Kael Anderson, SWNA President

With the community nearly united at both meetings organized by the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development (DMPED) in favor of a stand-alone library at the current site, we've been discussing approaches for the future. Always on the prowl for how to improve Southwest, the SW BID's Steve Moore keyed us into a successful model in Europe.

Guided by patron surveys, library administrators in the Dutch town of Almere reinvented their library into a thriving community hub. They found new, more attractive ways to arrange their books and trained staff in new customer service techniques. They built a free co-working space. They offer consultation sessions for literacy and digital skills. They installed a network-

ing platform that connects people based on their knowledge and skills. They have a bustling cafe, an extensive event & music program, a gaming facility, a reading room, and more.

In response, the percentage of residents using the library soared. And rather than patrons dropping in to check out a book and running out, the patrons lingered. They met one another, they browsed for books or other media, they sat down for a cup of coffee and consulted, studied, worked, or enjoyed a musical event. Ultimately, the library has become the largest and most successful cultural organization in the city.

We're looking forward to DMPED proceeding with the retail/residential development approved by the Southwest community nearly ten years ago. At the same time, let's start planning for a revitalized community center adjacent to our newest playground and park.

ARTS FESTIVAL

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grand monuments honoring the history and achievements of great Americans. But behind the federal face of official Washington, there is a real city with distinctive neighborhoods filled with passionate citizens living their lives. For this 5 x 5 project, Fung Collaboratives has curated "Nonuments," a temporary sculpture park featuring "monuments" devoted not to the

great but to the ordinary people, to the ideals of democracy, and to the common struggles of humanity. Artists: Jonathan Fung, Cameron Hockenson, Peter Hutchinson, Eliza and Nora Naranjo-Morse, Jennifer Wen Ma

Event Details:

Full show details and images here: <http://www.swdcartsfest.org/>

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ENJOY some of the District’s best Jazz, under the stars every Thursday in September produced with the support of Jazz Night in Southwest in partnership with Westminster Presbyterian Church.
September 4—Joe Burden Sings Nat King Cole September 18—The Legendary Steve Novosel
September 11—Thomas Jazz Quintet September 25—Karen Lovejoy Jazz Ensemble

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September 12—Dr. S.O. Feelgood September 26—Tinaz Blues

WORKOUT beside the water with an energizing morning participating in the DC Dragon Boat Club beginning at 8am. Laurent Amzallag’s amazing YaLa Fitness class begins at 9am and Flow Yoga’s Jen Van Ness conducts a Flow Yoga class at 10am.

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All Wharf activities, musical entertainment and waterfront workouts are FREE and produced by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront. Water Street Park is a free WIFI hot spot. The Wharf is within four blocks of the L’Enfant Plaza and Waterfront Station Metrorail stops. The Wharf is a new, mixed-use, waterfront development by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront that is now under construction. The first phase of The Wharf will open in 2017. When complete, The Wharf will feature approximately three million square feet of new residential, office, hotel, retail, cultural, and public uses including waterfront parks, promenades, piers, and docks. More information is online at www.wharfdc.com. General information is available at 202-688-3590. **Hoffman-Madison Waterfront Development Site Office is now temporarily located at 600 Water Street SW—2nd floor.**

Shakespeare Forum Draws Strong Community Participation

By: Kael Anderson, SWNA President

On July 28, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) hosted a forum about 501 Eye Street SW. This vacant site, once the home of several enrichment organizations, has become a focus of divergent visions for Southwest. One would seek to retain the quiet, residential charm Southwesters have grown to love; the other would move Southwest toward a densely-built entertainment & cultural locus. The drama played out at Arena Stage.

Prelude: SWNA President Kael Anderson provided context for the discussion. Briefly: the Shakespeare Company has been in a due diligence period. Earlier this summer Shakespeare asked the Graduate School, the site's property owner, to file a raze permit on the existing building to facilitate redevelopment. Following the filing, the ANC passed a resolution opposing demolition. However, the ANC's resolution alone was unlikely to single-handedly stop the demolition process. At the same time, SWNA recognized the building was a potential National Historic Landmark so SWNA prepared and filed a landmark nomination. SWNA decided to put on this forum to better inform the community of the nature of the property and what is at stake in the development of this project, in the context of the overall evolution of Southwest.

First Act: Cecille Chen, chair of SWNA's History Task Force provided a fascinating glimpse into the history of the site. The core of the building was built in 1948 as a clubhouse for the Metropolitan Police Boys Club No. 4. The club was organized to provide supervised recreation for children who would otherwise be forced to recreate on streets. The 8,000-square-foot facility was built by Leon Chatelain, Jr., the Washington Board of Trade's president.

The Redevelopment Land Agency acquired the Boys Club during urban renewal. The building, one of the few spared from demolition was acquired by the Hawthorne School in 1961.

Hawthorne was a private co-ed secondary school. Relocating from Northwest DC, Hawthorne was the first independent school in the U.S. to move to an urban renewal area, and along with Amidon, was one of two new

schools built in the SW renewal area. Hawthorne hired the renowned modernist architect Charles Goodman to design an addition to the north and south of the existing structure. Goodman chose the brutalist style, a subtype of post-war modernist architecture based on the shaped and molded forms of concrete. Goodman's project didn't go unnoticed: a 1964 Washington Post article titled "A Bulldozer Isn't Always Needed" reported that "the transformation of an ugly duckling (perhaps a reference to the forthcoming Southwest Duck Pond) into a bold and vigorous design of exposed reinforced concrete will reflect the growing awareness of sensitive architects that demolition and new construction are not always the example in urban renewal..." Goodman's use of brutalist devices such as concrete-rib screens appears to have anticipated many contemporary concerns about achieving energy efficiency through architecture.

Hawthorne eventually succumbed to financial troubles; in 1972 Southeastern University (SEU) bought the property. A generation later, SEU faced its own intractable financial challenges and announced a merger with the Graduate School USA. The merger was consummated in 2009, but not before SEU lost its accreditation and ceased operations. Subsequently the Graduate School embarked on a plan to continue fulfilling SEU's niche at the site, but soon thereafter determined the building didn't meet its requirements and put the property on the market.

Second Act: In a captivating tribute, Marjorie Lightman layered on the social development of the site, focusing on the innovative educational programs at Hawthorne and SEU. Hawthorne reinvented pedagogy. Whereas educational tradition was for the students to respond to the school's pedagogical program, Hawthorne developed a program designed around the students' needs. Classrooms were small with the exception of two tiered lecture halls arching around the teacher; both proved prescient. Hawthorne emphasized a historical approach to learning, inaugurating the now common approach of using primary sources where appropriate.

Hawthorne inspired the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and other private high schools, but it was a labor of

love for the husband & wife founders/administrators. The move to 501 Eye Street ultimately proved fateful as the site was too small to accommodate the academic and extracurricular activities of an adequate student body size.

SEU began as a series of classes offered by the YMCA in 1879. In 1907, the Washington School of Accountancy was added to the University, and in 1923 the university incorporated by DC as the Southeastern College of the Young Men's Christian Association of the District of Columbia. A 1937 Act of Congress provided a federal charter for the university and renamed the institution Southeastern University.

Congress called for a wide range of courses, schools, and degrees; over time many programs were added including liberal arts, business administration, transportation studies, and a law school. SEU gradually shifted to emphasize technical education. After community colleges were established in the neighboring jurisdictions, SEU focused on underserved populations by providing small classes, affordable tuition, subject expertise, and a supportive environment with an emphasis on linking education to employment. But SEU struggled to sustain a critical mass and adequate tuition rates at the 501 Eye Street site. The September 2001 terrorist attacks proved to be the final blow.

Third Act: Shakespeare Theatre Company's Managing Director Chris Jennings spoke about their program and redevelopment vision. Currently, they have a number of leased facilities in DC that they are looking to consolidate at one site. Leases are expiring at some of the sites, and they want to protect themselves from future rental rate increases.

Shakespeare's program involves administrative offices for 50 employees, costume storage, a small fabrication shop, rehearsal spaces, education studios (classrooms) and 28-30 units of actors' housing. In total, Shakespeare needs about 75,000 square feet of floor space to meet their needs. 45,000 square feet would be built underground, and 30,000 square feet would be built above ground, which would comprise the first two floors of the building. The existing SEU building, with two above-ground floors and a basement level, provides 70,000 square

feet of floor space, but according to Shakespeare, the configuration of the existing spaces would not meet its needs. To subsidize construction of a new building, Shakespeare partnered with a commercial developer, Erkiletian. Erkiletian desires to build an additional 115,000 square feet of market-rate housing for a total of 145,000 square feet of above-ground floor space. A preliminary massing study envisioned a nine-story building.

Finale: A lively question-and-answer period followed that highlighted strong and diverse opinions about the proposed development. Residents who live in townhouses closest to the development site were most concerned about their homes being overshadowed by a tall building. Issues were raised regarding density-related problems, including lack of parking spaces and congestion. Many desired to see development of a site that for years had lain empty and neglected. Theater lovers spoke glowingly about Shakespeare's work and enthusiastically welcomed their presence in the neighborhood. Others were curious about the possibility of getting behind-the-scenes glimpses of Shakespeare's productions. A former ANC commissioner spoke about the historic significance of the planning and architecture of Southwest, advocating for a historic district to ensure that new developments would be compatible with Southwest's unique urban fabric.

At the end of the evening, attendees expressed appreciation for SWNA's efforts in bringing to light the interesting history of the SEU building. Many expressed satisfaction with the opportunity to hear first-hand about Shakespeare's development plans, ask questions, and express concerns. Indeed, SWNA had organized this forum specifically to introduce Shakespeare to the community and provide an opportunity for the development team to hear feedback. Certainly, the community looks forward to further opportunities to engage with the Shakespeare team to forge a development plan that would allow Shakespeare to establish roots in the neighborhood in a manner consistent with the needs of our entire community.



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Arena Stage Southwest Nights for Upcoming Season

By: Sheila Wickouski

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The Shoplifters – Sept. 9, 2014 – 7:30pm

Fiddler on the Roof – Nov. 28, 2014 – 2pm

Five Guys Named Moe – December 26, 2014 – 8pm

Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery – January 21, 2015 – 7:30pm

King Hedley II – February 24, 2015 – 7:30pm

The Originalist – March 29, 2015 – 7:30pm

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike – April 10, 2015 – 8pm

The Blood Quilt – May 24, 2014 – 7:30pm

COST: Southwest DC residents may buy discounted tickets for specially designated performances of each production. Tickets are \$35 for musicals and \$25 for non-musicals, plus fees. Proof of Southwest DC residency or employment for each member of the party must be presented at the time of purchase. Tickets are limited to four per person and are based on availability. The Sales Office is located at 1101 Sixth St. SW.



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The opening of “Nonuments” is set to take place on Sept. 6 with the following approximate schedule of events:

Public Opening 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. to include speeches, snacks, and performances

Screening of “Hark” 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. followed by a discussion on human trafficking

Panel Discussion 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Phillips Collection followed by a reception in the courtyard

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What are you looking forward to most after moving here? We're looking forward to serving up our tasty tacos to our neighbors!

Know someone that just moved in that you would like to recommend? Send a photo and answers to the above questions to editor@thesouthwester.com.



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YATF Supports Summer Basketball Leagues

By: Dena Walker

The basketball court located in Lansburgh Park is more than a place to play pick-up basketball. For many boys in the community, it was the catalyst that helped to train 22 of them in the fundamentals and intricate details of basketball form and play. The idea of working with young people in a sport that encourages teamwork, leadership skills, and sportsmanship was the brainchild of Coach Alysha Berry.

Berry is a recent graduate of Riverdale Baptist High School and a member of its girls basketball team's starting line-up. She ended her high school basketball playing time at Madison Square Gardens by competing in the Dick's Sporting Goods National Tournament this past April. That experience, playing on live television and winning, inspired her to offer other young people the thrill, excitement, and achievement of playing a sport you love and the opportunity to travel to various locales to compete.

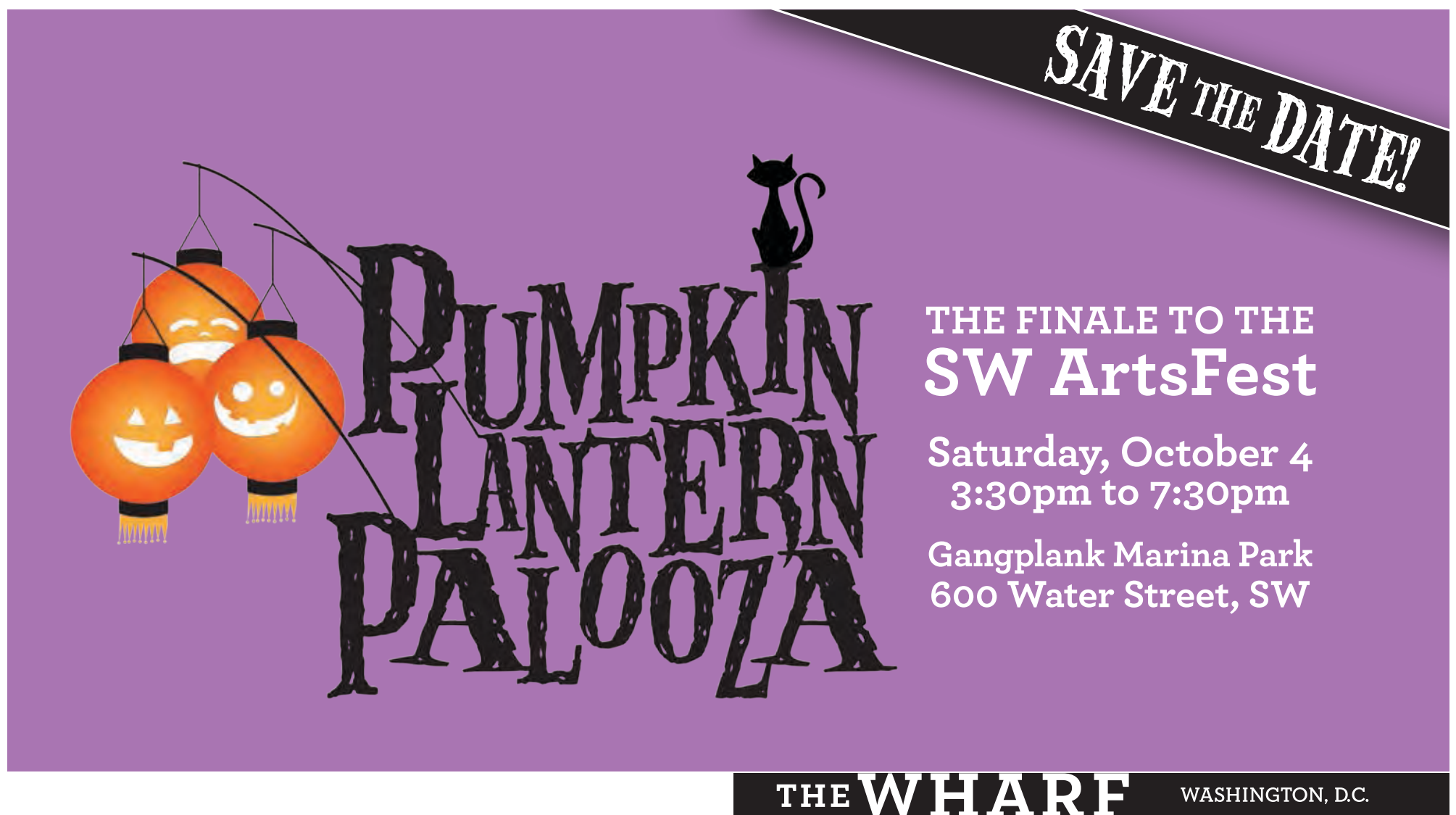
Being on the court almost every day, Berry was spotted by little boys who asked her to show them how to play. Seeing their eagerness to learn an athletic skill and their ability to follow her instructions, Berry decided to form a basketball team for boys aged eight to 11. During tryouts and subsequent practices at the Lansburgh basketball court with the younger boys, many older boys watched in amazement as the 18-year-old Berry coached, taught, and encouraged the young team on how to dribble the ball, make shots, run laps, stretch, etc. The older boys asked Coach Berry if she would form a team to coach them. Of course, she agreed and the second team

was formed for ages 15 and under.

Both teams, Axiom Elite Gold and Axiom Elite Silver, became the two basketball teams that were able to experience overnight travel outside of their neighborhood to play hoops. The first tournament for both teams was in Ocean City, Md. for two days. Much fun was had by all, especially during their time frolicking on the beach and making sandcastles. Their last tournament was in Roanoke, Va. this past August. Both teams learned many valuable skills and lessons while being coached by Berry; the most important of all was the ability to work cohesively as a team to achieve a collective goal.

Coach Alysha Berry and the Axiom Elite DC teams give the greatest thanks to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) for their financial contribution towards purchasing the basketball jerseys for the younger team. Since its inception in 1982, SWNA's YATF continues to be instrumental in supporting many youth programs and activities in the Southwest community. For sure, the Axiom Elite basketball teams appreciate all who have contributed to YATF over the years and encourage them to continue their generous support. Coach Berry and the Axiom Elite teams would also like for the community to know that their donations are highly appreciated and truly make a difference in the lives of the young people in our neighborhood.

■ *Dena Walker is the Tenants Council President for Greenleaf Extension, member of both the SWNA Board of Directors and SWNA Youth Activities Task Force, as well as the maternal aunt of Coach Alysha Berry.*



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**Saturday, October 4
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Pumpkin Lantern Art Studio Opens: 3:30pm
and continues until 7:00pm (while supplies last)

Pumpkin Lantern Parade Begins: 7:15pm
and concludes with official judging

Prizes for first, second and third place will be
awarded at 7:30pm

Live Music produced by Jazz Night in Southwest:
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The Pumpkin Lantern Palooza is produced by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront in celebration of the SW ArtsFest with the support of Cantina Marina, Gangplank Marina, Jazz Night in Southwest and the Washington Waterfront Association. All art supplies and musical entertainment are FREE.

Parental supervision of children under 9 is required for participation.

The Wharf is a new, mixed-use, waterfront development by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront that is now under construction. The first phase of The Wharf will open in 2017. When complete, The Wharf will feature approximately three million square feet of new residential, office, hotel, retail, cultural, and public uses including waterfront parks, promenades, piers, and docks. More information is online at www.wharfdc.com. General information is available at 202-688-3590.

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Whether we like it or not, life is an adventure filled with risks, hazards, and dangerous situations. Success is possible, but not guaranteed. In Psalm 23, David described life's journey as a walk "through the valley of the shadow of death." No one had undergone more threats and near-death experiences than David. But instead of letting fear paralyze him, he trusted in the delivering power of God! As we walk through life, the important idea is not that God is everywhere - but the assurance that wherever I am God is with me!

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Left to right: Coy McKinney, Michael Koller, Pam Dale

WHO WE ARE: Coy McKinney

In our newest recurring article we look at our diverse workforce who have been living in the neighborhood for a while and delve into who they are, what they do, and how living here helps them to do what they do.

Name: Coy McKinney

Occupation: Urban farmer at SW Community Gardens / urban farming instructor at Friendship Tech Prep Academy

Home: Tiber Island

What is urban farming?

Urban farming is all about growing food within the city, improving access to local, organic food, and helping make the city more sustainable.

What is your role?

My role is to coordinate the communal section of the SW Community Gardens. There, we have 10 beds that are open to the public to

help out and learn about growing food. We have regular work days on Wednesdays from 6-7pm, and Sundays from 4-5pm. I just started my job at Friendship Tech Prep Academy, so I'm not entirely sure what that will entail, but I know for sure that I'll be managing their greenhouse and coordinating their urban farming club.

How has living in Southwest made it easier for you to do your job?

The garden is well within walking distance, just a few blocks from where I live, and Friendship Tech is a 15-minute bike ride away. Also, the vibe and diversity of the neighborhood make this a place I want to stay and help contribute to.

What do you look forward to most?

Integrating the SW Community Gardens further into the neighborhood, and making it a valuable component of the community.

National Night Out

By: Thelma D. Jones

Approximately 200 community residents, law enforcement agents, and civilians enjoyed a spirited National Night Out (NNO) on the Southwest Waterfront with the Titanic statue looming in the foreground. Now in its 31st year, the annual event occurs the first Tuesday in August and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

The NNO campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials from 9,500 communities from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. Our own First District Department provided crime prevention information and safety trinkets, gift bags courtesy of Macy's, and an opportunity to meet with local law enforcement agencies while enjoying entertainment, food, and lots of fun.

A highlight of the event included a visit from Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier who enjoyed conversations and rallied residents to dance, taking the fun and excitement of the event to a higher

level. Four-year-old Seneca Jones was invited to dance with Chief Lanier while their every move was photographed by his father Jamal Jones, son of Thelma D. Jones. Afterwards, the residents didn't miss a beat in lining up to take photos with the Chief, who patiently remained until everyone had their photos snapped.

"We had a good turnout at this year's National Night Out events," said Chief Lanier. "National Night Out is an important way for MPD to connect with the community. Our officers get to meet neighbors one-on-one, face-to-face and hear what their concerns are. It should be noted that violent crime is down 12 percent compared to this time last year."

Held throughout the city in all seven police districts, National Night Out is designed to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



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SEPTEMBER

THURS 4 8-9:30 A.M. COUNCILMEMBER TOMMY WELLS, Southwest Community Office Hours will be held at Starbucks in the Safeway, 1100 4th Street SW.

SAT 6 4-5:30 P.M. EXPERIENCE YOGA. Nidra Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation with a focus on healing body, mind and spirit. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 M Street SW.

SAT 6 10 A.M. LIBRARY GARDEN CELEBRATION and Workday. All ages are welcome to enjoy this end of summer celebration in the library garden. Activities include planting, watering, harvesting. SW Neighborhood Library

MON 8 7 P.M. ZUMBA This fitness class is open to all teens and adults, from beginners to advanced. SW Neighborhood Library

MON 8 7 P.M.ANC 6D MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING, 1100 4th St. SW, DCRA Hearing Room on 2nd floor.

TUES 9 9:15 A.M.-1:30 P.M. GW MAMOVAN visit to SW Safeway, 1100 4th St SW. FREE Breast Health screenings for women who meet the financial eligibility requirements. GW participates with most health insurance plans. Participants who complete the screening will have their names entered into the drawing for one of four \$25 Safeway gift cards. Call Thelma D. Jones 202-251-1639 or GW 202-741-3252 for scheduling appointments.

MON 22 7 P.M. INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION. Teacher Karin Silverman will discuss the benefits of the practice of meditation. SW Neighborhood Library

THURS 25 6:30 PM, ABC COMMITTEE, ANC6D at King Greenleaf Rec Center, 201 N Street, SW. Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. To be added to email list for agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com

SAT 27 11 A.M. NUTRITION AND VEGETARIAN EATING. Registered dietician Sapna Batheja will discuss meeting nutritional requirements through a vegetarian diet and offer meal suggestions.

SAT 27 1 P.M. BOOK DISCUSSION. You are cordially invited to a discussion of Isabel Wilkerson’s “The Warmth of Other Suns.” Copies are available for checkout at the Southwest Library.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADULT RECREATION, 10-12 Noon, Saturdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

ADULTS/SENIORS BINGO BRUNCH, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, at King Greenleaf Recreation Center

ADULT YOGA, 6 P.M. Mondays, FREE, Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center, 820 So. Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.

AFTER SCHOOL ACCESS, 3:30-5:00pm, Mondays and Fridays. Ages. 6-14, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Streets SW.

AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4-5 P.M., Monday –Friday, Ages 6-14. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Paul Taylor, Gary Williams, Tiletia Harris-Walker.

AYA COMMUNITY MARKET Saturdays, May 24-November 22, 2014 outside Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th Street SW. For more information contact: Christopher Bradshaw, 202-800-2613. chris@dreamingoutloud.org

BABY AND TODDLER STORY TIME, 10:30 A.M., Tuesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th 23rd and 30th . Fun songs, finger plays, and rhymes to promote early literacy development. For infants through 24 months and their caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

BINGO FOR SENIORS, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Tiletia Harris-Walker. 202-645-7454.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., Westminster Pres-

Community Calendar

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Submit Calendar events to calendar@thesouthwester.com by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

byterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW, Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of Christ United Methodist Church 900 4th St SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all. Through biblical stories, art, music and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the “littlest members” of a community of faith.

COMPUTER CLASSES, 10-12 Noon, Tuesdays, SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.
TUES 2 no class scheduled
TUES 9 Email Basics
TUES 16 Microsoft Word
TUES 23 Microsoft Excel
TUES 30 Microsoft PowerPoint

COMPUTER CLASSES, 6-8 P.M., Mondays, DRP Certified Volunteer, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-645-7454.

CREATE CLUB, 4 P.M. Tuesday, Sept 9th. Children 5-12 years of age are invited to join us after-school for different creative activities each week. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

GAME CLUB, 4 P.M, Tuesdays, 2nd and 16th. Children from 5-12 years of age are invited to play a wide selection of games. SW Neighborhood Library.

GAME NIGHT, 7 P.M., Thursdays, September 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. Teens age 13-19 are invited to play Wii games at the SW Neighborhood Library.

GARDEN CLUB, 4-5 P.M., Wednesday, August 6th. Children ages 5-12 are invited to help tend the library garden. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

HAND DANCING CLASSES, 12-2 P.M. Saturdays, Jitterbug, Lindy Hop. Classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Dance. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children 8-17. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street SW, Community room off Wesley Place, SW.

HAND DANCING CLASSES, with Mr. Zeke, 12:30-3:30 P.M. Saturdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street SW. 202-645-7454.

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, 6-9 P.M., Fridays, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

JOB CLUB, 12-2 P.M. Tuesdays, Ages 18 and older. Contacts: Paul Taylor, Mike Wilson. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-645-7454

JOB SEEKERS PROGRAM, 1-7 P.M., Thursdays, By Appointment Only. Help with resumes, cover letters, applications and other aspects of the job search process. SW Neighborhood Library. Call 724-4298 or stop by to set up an appointment.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M., every first and third Monday SW Neighborhood Library.

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, 10:30 A.M.-Noon, every 1st & 3rd Saturday, SW Neighborhood Library. Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY 9:30-12:30 P.M. Tuesdays and Fridays is offering help in areas of Family Law, Public Benefits and more in Southwest. Free for DC residents who meet certain income guidelines. Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave SW. Call 202-863-9014

LEGO CLUB, 4 P.M., Wednesday September 19th. Children ages 5-12 are invited to design, create and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9

years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

LITTLE FARM STAND, 10 A.M.-12 P.M. Saturdays, May through December at the Southwest Duck Pond With organic produce, baked goods, maple syrup and preserves from Loudoun County’s Red Gate Farm. www.littlefarmstand.com

MAMÁ Y YO: 9:30-11:30 A.M. Fridays, Sept. 19th & 26th; Saturdays, Sept 20th & 27th. This class is a Spanish immersion Montessori “Mommy and Me” class. Your child along with a caregiver or parent will participate in a collaborative class, building on foundational vocabulary and skills . Ages 18 months to 3 years. Learn more and register. Waterfront Academy 60 Eye St SW. 202-484-0044

MACHINE PITCH, 5-6 P.M., Ages 7-8, Mondays & Wednesdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Paul Taylor, Mike Wilson.

MOVIE NIGHT, 7-8:30 P.M., Ages 14-19, Fridays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Michael Wilson 202-645-7454.

NARFE-THE NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, 1:30-2:30 P.M., every fourth Thursday through May. SW Neighborhood Library, basement meeting room.

OPEN COMPUTER TIME, 3-7 P.M. Mondays, Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.

PAJAMA STORYTIME, 6 P.M. Thursdays September 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th . Put on your pajamas, grab your teddy bear and join us in the Children’s Room for a story time before heading to bed! We’ll read stories, sing songs and perform finger plays together. For children of all ages and their families. SW Neighborhood Library.

POLICE SERVICE AREA 106, Community meeting, 10-11 A.M., every Last Saturday, Senior Citizen Community Room 900 5th Street S.E.

PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME, 10:30 A.M. Wednesdays, September 3rd, 10th 17th and 24th. Join us for books, songs, rhymes and fingerplays as we continue to promote early literacy skills, and a simple craft project afterwards. Intended for children 2-5 years of age and parents/caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

SASSY SENIORS, Monthly trips to play bingo, have parties, chat and chews, exercise and a great deal of other things. Come and sign up to participate. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Tiletia Harris-Walker 202-645-7454.

SEATED YOGA, 11 A.M.-Noon on Mondays, and Wednesdays 4-5 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster’s Wellness program.

SENIOR CARDIO EXERCISE, 11 A.M.-Noon, Wednesdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Gary Williams.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, 7PM Mondays, Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP #4751 CHAPTER. Wednesday, September 17, 2014, Noon Luncheon Meeting. Meetings are every Third Wednesday. Presentation to prepare us for all of the AARP Real Possibilities with AARP DC programs and services updates, including updates on Age Friendly DC. Current AARP members and new prospective members are welcome. Costs: \$5.00 for lunch. River Park Mutual Homes’ Community Room, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbert-jones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M., Narcotics Anony-

mous group, Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW.

TEEN CLUB, 6:30-8:30 P.M., Fridays, Ages 14-19. King Greenleaf Recreation Center, Contact Angela Venable.

TENNIS FOR BEGINNERS, 5-7 P.M., Wednesdays, Ages 6-13, DPR Certified Volunteers. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

WALK FOR WELLNESS, 11-12 P.M., Tuesdays and Fridays, while walking to music, in the gym of King Greenleaf Recreation Center.


WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR’S CLUB, 7-9 P.M., First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions and programs. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street SW. 202-863-0564.

WATERFRONT ACADEMY, OPEN HOUSE, Wednesdays Sept 10th 8-10 A.M. & 5-7 P.M. 17th 8-10 A.M. and 24th 8-10 A.M., join us and meet some of our school’s leaders, tour the facility and learn more about our great school! Waterfront Academy is a dual immersion (Spanish and English) faith-based Montessori school with emphasis on charity and stewardship in the Catholic tradition. Now enrolling students between ages 2.5 to 9. 60 Eye Street S.W. 202-484-0044. See WaterfrontAcademy.org

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW, 4 P.M. Seated Yoga and Healing Sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine). 5:30 P.M. Laughter Yoga (Claire Trivedi). 6:45 P.M. Sampoorna Yoga (Alex Rosen). 7 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous SW Freeway Meeting.

YOGA FOR ADULTS & TEENS, 7:15 Wednesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Teens and adults are welcome to attend, from beginners through advanced. Mats provided or bring your own. SW Neighborhood Library.

ZUMBA, 6 P.M. Thursdays, FREE, Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center, 820 So. Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.



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The Shoplifters Premieres at Arena Stage

By: Sheila Wickouski

about a show is to just go!

The world premiere of *The Shoplifters* by the noted Canadian playwright and director Morris Panych will open Arena Stage's 2014-15 season.

The comedy is a merry spin as three oddball characters battle wills and confront significant issues. It starts when a steak that Alma, a career shoplifter, has applied her "five finger discount" to falls out of her clothing and an overzealous security guard confronts her. The stakes are raised when his mentor Otto joins in and the three confront what the haves and the have-nots actually have in common.

A world premiere is like a gift box; one can shake it and guess what is inside, but the only way to know is to open it. The best way to know



Morris Panych, writer and director of *The Shoplifters*

WANT TO GO? Sept. 5-Oct. 19 at Arena's Kreeger Theater.

SPECIAL EVENTS: *Post-Show Conversations with artists and staff.* September 17, October 1, and October 14 following the noon performance; September 23 following the 7:30 p.m. performance; and October 9 following the 8:00 p.m. performance.

TICKETS: \$45-\$90, subject to change and based on availability, plus applicable fees.

Discounts (Southwest Nights, Pay-Your-Age tickets and Hero's Discounts) on arenastage.org/shows-tickets/single-tickets/savings-programs/. Tickets may be purchased online at arenastage.org, by phone at 202-488-3300 or at the Sales Office at 1101 Sixth St. SW.

July Real Estate Update

By Jason Martin

Often times I get phone calls from potential clients expressing their interest in the Southwest real estate market. I tell them that Southwest is a very competitive market with limited options (take a look at units sold). I then show them the current inventory and the disappointment usually sets in. The reality is that if you want to stake your claim in Southwest, be prepared to encounter multiple offers and competitive bidding. Inventory is tight!

	July 2014	July 2013	% of Change
Sold Dollar Volume	\$6,212,650	\$7,131,202	-12.88%
Avg Sold Price	\$365,450	\$310,052	17.87%
Median Sold Price	\$345,000	\$253,900	35.88%
Units Sold	17	23	-26.09%
Avg Days on Market	26	44	-40.91%
Avg List Price for Solds	\$367,935	\$310,017	18.68%
Avg SP to OLP Ratio	99.0%	97.8%	1.18%



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Love, Jenny and Henry



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